

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A laminar application device for applying an interposed patch to a target surface, comprising:

a substantially planar applicator substrate comprising a graspable tab extending outwardly therefrom; wherein the applicator substrate comprises an interior surface the substantially planar patch comprising a first surface and a second surface and a substantially planar release substrate comprising a graspable tab extending outwardly therefrom; wherein the release substrate comprises an interior surface;

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wherein the interior surface of the applicator substrate comprises an adhesive means;

wherein the second surface of the patch comprises an adhesive means;

wherein the adhesive means of the interior surface of the applicator substrate releasably affixes the first surface of the patch to the interior surface of the applicator substrate thereby comprising a first peel bond and thereby forming an applicator substrate/patch combination comprising an upper surface;

wherein the release substrate is releasably affixed to the upper surface of the combination thereby comprising a second peel bond and wherein the tab of the release substrate is offset laterally from the combination;

wherein the strength of the first peel bond is greater than the strength of the second peel bond strength; and

wherein the strength of an adhesive bond between the adhesive means of the second surface of the patch and a target surface is greater than the strength of the first peel bond.

Claim 4 has been amended as follows.

4. (Once Amended) A laminar application device for applying an interposed patch to a target surface, comprising:

a substantially planar applicator substrate comprising a graspable means; wherein the applicator substrate comprises an interior surface; the substantially planar patch comprising a first surface and a second surface; and a substantially planar release substrate comprising a graspable means; wherein the release substrate comprises an interior surface;

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wherein the interior surface of the applicator substrate comprises an adhesive means;

wherein the second surface of the patch comprising an adhesive means;

wherein the adhesive means of the interior surface of the applicator substrate releasably affixes the first surface of the patch thereby comprising a first peel bond and thereby forming an applicator substrate/patch combination comprising an upper surface;

wherein the release substrate is releasably affixed to the upper surface of the combination thereby comprising a second peel bond;

wherein the adhesive means of the interior surface of the applicator substrate comprises an adhesive area comprising an adhesive contact area;

wherein the adhesive contact area has a leading edge contact area and a trailing edge contact area;

wherein the patch comprises a circumferential lateral edge wherein the circumferential lateral edge has a leading edge a trailing edge; and a non-securing edge;

wherein the leading edge is proximate to the graspable means of the releasably affixed